

**ABSTRACT**

Apparatus, methods, and articles of manufacture are claimed for securing, maintaining, monitoring and controlling computer files. Various predetermined files are hashed on the machine, providing a first data file with the file names and hash values, which data file is stored as a baseline. At desired intervals, a comparison cycle begins. A second data file is provided comprised of desired file names, which are then taken one at a time, hashed, and compared to the baseline first data file. Results are recorded as desired.